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LB 176

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President and members, we have spent a great deal more time than I anticipated on this, but I think we've had a thorough discussion, so my close will be brief. You've heard the arguments. It's just, I'm assuming that a number of you have made your determination as you sit there which way you're going to vote on this bill, either for or against. You vote for this, you think that you should be 16 years old to operate these jet skis, you don't, and Senator Hilgert has agreed if you do that, he will pull his amendment, and I think he indicated that he was fairly in agreement with this, or at least he certainly isn't opposed to this, and I think you've heard good reasons from the safety factor, a good reason, as far as what the federal government is doing on waterways. That ban that they have put out for consideration of public comment time includes the Missouri River but, certainly, in Nebraska and the small lakes that we have I think there's a great concern as to the speed and the requirement. I think there's a great deal of similarity between this and driver's licenses. You know, if we require the education first and then we do require most...most young people to be 16 years of age before they get their provisional operator's license, I do not think it's unreasonable to have that same kind of caution for something that goes as fast as a jet ski and because of the danger that a number of people have articulated that have...that has been proven with these jet skis that have the possibility of traveling at very high speeds. I ask for your support of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The question before you is the adoption of the Bohlke amendment to LB 176. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, I would ask for a call of the house and I will take call-in votes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I am sorry, Senator Bohlke, I didn't hear you.

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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, there has been a request for a call of